(iii) *Low cost care for people living with HIV/AIDS:*—Under this component, NGOs are provided financial assistance for low cost home based and community care centres.

The total fund allocations made to NGOs for the above activities for the year 2001-2002 is Rs. 40.5 crores.

Grant of licences to operate guest houses in residential areas of Delhi

† * 215. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give licences to operate "Guest-houses" in residential areas of Delhi;

(b) whether this will also be applicable on the private companies in Hauz Khas and Safdarjung Development Area which have built guest houses in these areas; and

(c) the action, Government have taken in this direction, so far?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) Guest houses are permitted in residential plots of minimum size of 219 sq. metres and facing a minimum road width of 18 metres wide (9 metres in special areas and 13.5 metres in rehabilitation colonies) subject to certain conditions such as minimum road frontage, parking facilities, payment of licence fees etc. These guidelines are applicable to the entire National Capital Territory of Delhi and also to private sector companies who have constructed guest houses in residential areas. Only in special areas as delineated in the Master Plan 2001, guest houses already operating were permitted even if they do not conform to norms of minimum plot areas and road width. The local bodies and development authorities process the applications for permission to guest houses in residential areas in accordance with the said guidelines.

Infant mortality rate in Karnataka

* 216. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present infant mortality rate in Karnataka;

(b) the action, if any, taken to reduce the infant mortality rate in the State; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the details of financial assistance and other facilities provided to Karnataka to reduce the infant mortality rate?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) As per the Sample Registration System, the Infant Mortality Rate in Karnataka during 1999 was estimated to be 58 per 1000 live births.

(b) Under the Reproductive and Child Health Programme, interventions for reducing infant mortality are under implementation. These include immunization against six vaccine preventable diseases, facilities for appropriate management of acute respiratory infection and diarrhoea] diseases and provision of essential newborn care. Promotion of exclusive breastfeeding and appropriate complementary feeding and prophylaxis against vitamin-A deficiency and iron deficiency is also being implemented for improving the nutritional status of children.

(c) The year-wise details of assistance to Karnataka which include assistance for child health related interventions under the Reproductive and Child Health Programme are given in the table below:

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year	Cash	Kind	Total
1997-1998	751.42	1076.31	1827.73
1998-1999	383.11	1749.07	2132.18
1999-2000	489.17	1587.55	2076.72
2000-2001*	1642.66	2077.7	3720.36

*Provisional

Financial assistance to NER by WHO and other international financial institutions

* 217. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the details of financial assistance received from WHO and other international financial institutions for various health programmes in North-Eastern Region during the last three years, year-wise/State-wise/district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): Figures are being collected from die concerned Departments and States of North East Region and will be laid on die Table of the House.